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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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SUBJ: SRI LANKA SUPPORTS PROPOSED ICFTU CONFERENCE

DEPARTMENT PASS TO LABOR

1. PRESIDENT S. THONDAMAN OF CEYLON WORKERS CONGRESS, SRI LANKA AFFILIATE OF ICFTU, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 10 THAT CWC WILL SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFERENCE WHICH ICFTU PROPOSES TO ORGANIZE IN SYDNEY TO PROTEST FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING.

2. THONDAMAN STATED THAT CWC INFORMED BY DEVAN NAIR, PRESIDENT OF SINGAPORE NATIONAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS OF ICFTUL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE ADOPTED AT RECENT MEXICO CITY
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MEETING OF EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES. ALTHOUGH NAIR
SUPPOTS IDEA OF CONFERENCE, HE CABLED THONDAMAN MAY 8 THAT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION VIOLATED PRINCIPLE THAT DECISIONS
AFFECTING ITS MEMBERS SHOULD BE MADE BY ASIAN REGIONAL ORGAN-
IZATION (ARO). NAIR ASKED FOR CWC BACKING IN SNTUC' S INTEN-
TIONS NOT RPT NOT TO ATTEND SYDNEY MEETING AND FOR CWC
SUPPORT FOR EITHER KUALA LUMPUR, NEW DELHI, HONG KONG OR
TOKYO AS ALTERNATIVE VENUES TO SYDNEY.

3. CWC PLANS REPLY THAT BOYCOTT OF SYNDEY WOULD INDICATE
WEAKNESS AND DIVISION AS WELL AS REDUCE IMPACT OF TRADE
UNION PROTEST AGAINST FRENCH TESTING. THONDAMAN BELIEVES
NAIR' S ATTITUDE REFLECTS PERSONAL PIQUE AND THAT OTHER
ARO MEMBERS WILL ASLO ATTEND. ICFTU HAS ITSELF THUS FAR NOT
INFORMED CWC OF MEXICO CITY DECISION NOR OF DATE OF PROPOSED
SYDNEY CONFERENCE.
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